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ABSTRACT

This book describes and analyzes the background, creation, and initial development of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the players instrumental in its creation. The CHEA plays an important role in the accrediting process for colleges and universities as the entity that recognizes accrediting agencies for institutions across the United States. The chapters are: (1) "Theoretical Framework of the Study"; (2) "The Origins of Regional Accrediting Associations and Commissions"; (3) "The Mounting Threat to Higher Education's Pragmatic and Moral Legitimacy"; (4) "The National Policy Board: The Tucson Meeting and Barcelo Washington Meeting"; (5) "The National Policy Board (NPB) Meeting, Phoenix, March 8-10, 1995"; (6) "The Lansdowne Meeting: The Conference on the Future of Accreditation, Leesburg, VA, June 19-20, 1995"; (7) "The First Meeting of the Presidents Work Group (PWG), Hyatt Regency Hotel, O'Hare, Chicago, August 2-3, 1995"; (8) "Approving the New Organization: CHEA Created"; (9) "The First Year of the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)"; (10) "The Beginning of the Eaton Presidency, August 1997 to the Year 2000"; and (11) "Summary, Issues, and Conclusions." Four appendixes contain lists of acronyms, a description of the National Policy Board on Higher Education Institutional Accreditation, and list of members of the PWG and the CHEA Board of Directors. (SLD)